

## MANY ATTEND TAX MEETING

Tax Association Meets - Officers Elected - County Finances Discussed - Chairman Neal makes Address

Electing one man from each of the ten townships to the County Executive Committee, and the election of other officers together with some very heated discussions of County affairs, afforded a crowded program for the second meeting of the Franklin Tax Association which met at 2:00 P. M. in the Court House last Saturday.

The Executive Committee, as elected, are: G. B. West, Sandy Creek; T. A. Collier, Cedar Rock; W. R. Young, Harris; G. H. Harris, Cypress Creek; H. M. Green, Youngsville; Adkin Jones, Louisburg; H. F. Mitchell, Hayesville; Dr. S. C. Ford, Franklin; H. H. Beddingfield, Dunns; and G. W. May, Gold Mine. Mr. Adkin Jones was elected Vice-Chairman of the Association, Mr. Nick Perry, Secretary, and Mr. Charlie Hudson, Treasurer.

Warning the Association that Franklin was facing a very serious financial situation, and with a challenge that every public officer be filled with an honest, fearless, and most economical minded man, especially commissioners, a very comprehensive financial analysis of the County was offered by Chairman W. W. Neal. He stated that a great deal of time had been spent in gathering this information from tax payers, local records, from the State Department of Revenue from the State Department of Agriculture, and from the State University.

Dealing first with valuations it was pointed out that Real Property in the County was increased from a valuation of only \$4,607,194 in 1919 to \$17,339,674 in 1929, which is an increase of three and a half times its value, and that the valuation has remained between ten and eleven million since 1921, having been \$10,564,847 for 1929, which is twice its pre-Revaluation Act figures in spite of the large amount of timber and other natural resources removed from the land. Personal Property on the other hand was raised from \$4,595,486 in 1919 to \$6,425,594 in 1929, but this Personal Property has shown a gradual shrinkage until it now has a total valuation of only \$2,823,411 for 1929, which is about one half its pre-Revaluation Act amount. These figures alone were offered to prove that Real Estate is now forced to bear many times its portion of the tax burden, while Personal Wealth is being withdrawn from the County.

Next, the speaker presented figures showing that the County Tax Levy of only \$95,750 in 1916 had been increased to \$224,594 for 1919, \$259,814 for 1920, the year of the Revaluation Act, \$309,078 in 1923, \$320,711 in 1924, \$345,688 in 1926, \$360,607 for 1927, \$347,023 for 1928 and \$259,421 in 1929. In addition to this being an alarming increase of taxes imposed, this condition was pointed out to be even more serious in view of the fact that the amounts of the delinquent taxes had increased yearly.

Delinquent taxes have rapidly increased since 1923 from 4 per cent with taxes upon land uncollected amounting to only \$5,884, to 7 per cent in 1924, 9 per cent in 1927, and finally to 11 per cent in 1928 which amount is \$35,856 delinquent taxes upon land for the year 1928 alone. Of the total taxes levied for 1929, forty four per cent remained uncollected up to March 31, which leaves \$121,366 to be collected before August 1, 1930. This large amount of delinquent taxes, the speaker said, is forcing a heavier burden upon the man who does pay, it damages his credit as well as the credit of the county.

The expenditures of the County were shown to be not only too heavy in consideration of the tax burden thereby forthcoming, but such wild lavishing out of funds were shown to be forcing the County to sink deeper in debt rather than live within its income and protect its credit by reducing its large indebtedness.

Yearly operating cost for the County Schools, Louisburg, and Franklinton not included, was shown to have increased from \$46,393 in 1918 to \$100,570 in 1929, \$221,467 in 1923, \$303,038 in 1925, \$349,234 in 1928, and \$204,988 in 1929. The yearly cost of our County roads under the present system was shown to have increased in almost as large proportion amounting to \$92,411 in 1929.

Some of the tax payers present seemed alarmed to learn that the County alone was spending over a half million dollars yearly just for its schools, roads, and general County affairs—\$47,423 in 1929 to be exact. Even greater surprise was expressed upon learning that the debt of the County exceeded \$1,494,745 as of June 30, 1929 which is about \$1.50 for every \$10.00 worth of Real Estate in the County even at its present high valuation. This public debt, together with additional debts of the townships and private mortgages upon property were said by the speaker to have already reached a point where the intrinsic value of property was being destroyed throughout the County.

"But you and I are going to put an end to this tax spending, either because we are tired by bankruptcy

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The only service at St. Paul's Episcopal church next Sunday, according to announcement of Rev. J. D. Miller, rector, will be Evening prayer at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

### LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

The sermon Sunday morning at eleven o'clock will be delivered by the Rev. R. L. Randolph, Pastor of the Franklin Baptist Church. Rev. Sankey L. Blanton, Pastor, will be away preaching a commencement sermon at the Piedmont High School in Cleveland County. There will be no preaching service at this church on Sunday evening. The Sunday School meets at 9:45 A. M. and the B. Y. P. U. at 7 P. M.

into the slavery of large corporations who will buy our property for a song," Chairman Neal said in conclusion, "or this spending will be stopped because the genuine red-blooded citizens living in Franklin County will not submit any longer to the way that they are being abused by incorrect business men, by under-handed political factions, by selfish interests, and by extravagant tax spenders."

Mr. Adkin Jones made a strong appeal to the Association that they unite as tax payers and demand economy at home and at the State Capitol. "We've got to have a man in the next legislature," he said, "who will reduce salaries, compel the State to take over our schools and our roads, and make other people besides land owners carry part of the burden of taxes."

Declaring himself in sympathy with the Association, Mr. E. H. Malone expressed the opinion that one of the greatest services that any such organization could render at this time would be to arouse the people of the County to thinking seriously about our present financial and agricultural problems. He suggested that we ought to have a more thickly populated rural community. In addressing the Association, Mr. A. P. Johnson said that this tax question was a large problem to tackle, and suggested that it be carefully studied before any far-reaching action was taken. He said that he thought much of the present situation would be relieved if 1930 proved to be a successful year for the farmers.

It was suggested that the Association hold district meetings throughout the County, that every section might take part in seeing that taxes are reduced and strictest economy practiced, but this was left for the Executive Committee to decide.

### Franklinton Man Takes Own Life

John C. Hight Shoots Himself in Head With Revolver

Some time in the early part of the day Tuesday, John C. Hight took his own life by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. His body was not discovered until about 8 o'clock in the evening. He was employed in the Sterling Cotton Mill on night duty and when he did not appear for work his friends went to see about him and found him dead in his room.

Mr. Hight was about 44 years old and had been living here for a number of years. He was married, but had no children. It is thought by friends that brooding over the condition of his wife, together with other trouble, led him to take his own life. His funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and he was buried in the Franklinton cemetery, Rev. R. L. Randolph conducting the services.

Besides his wife, the deceased leaves a step-mother, Mrs. Jordan Hight, of Louisburg; five brothers—Henry, T. J. Franklinton, Jordan and Frank, of Louisburg, Richard, of Durham, and Charlie, of South Carolina; and two sisters—Mrs. Charlie Lambert, of Louisburg, and Mrs. Newton, of Stall.—Franklinton News.

### Easter Egg Hunt

On Monday Easter morning some of the parents of Seven Paths entertained their children with an egg hunt.

An egg hunt was enjoyed first, which proved to be much excitement and enjoyment among the children.

After the egg hunt, the children were ushered into the dining hall of Mrs. W. F. Gay, where they were served. As they entered the door many yells were heard, for they saw the many "goodies" that they were to eat.

Suddenly, every thing was quiet while Mae Lynn Moore asked the blessing.

Those enjoying the hospitality of these parents were: Glendora and Sophia Ann Cooper, Rena Bell Wilder, Mae Lynn, Elsie and Doris Gay and Aelsie Moore; Messrs.—Henry White, Horace Clifton, Howard Ray, Bennet Gay Wilder, John Harold, and Enoch Wood. Larry Cooper and Robert Crane Cooper.

## Franklin County Memorial Association To Meet

The Franklin County Memorial Association will hold its regular annual meeting on Friday afternoon, May 2nd, 1930 at 8:30 o'clock. This meeting is especially important as the election of officers will be held at that time and plans for holding the memorial services discussed. Every person in Franklin County interested in keeping alive the memory of the glorious sacrifices made by the boys in France is invited to be present. Especially is the Chairman and members of the several Committees urged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Board of Education rooms Friday afternoon at 8:30 o'clock.

## To Hold Re-Union

Announcement is made that the annual old Confederate Veterans Re-Union will be held at Justice on Saturday, May 10th, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M. and lasting throughout the day. All old Confederate Veterans and Veterans of other wars are especially invited to attend. The public is cordially invited to be present.

## Kiwanis Club Entertains Officers

The Louisburg Kiwanis Club was host to the State Inspection officers of the National Guard, who were in Louisburg inspecting Battery B, on last Friday night, the officers present being Col. W. F. Joyner, Col. Gordon Smith, Maj. E. O. Beesley, of Raleigh, Maj. Frank Timberlake, of Youngsville, Lieut. Conrad Sturgess, of Henderson, Lieut. — Pernel, of Youngsville, Capt. John Ball, instructor officer, of Newberne, Lieut. — Marston, of Raleigh, Lieut. C. B. Green, of Youngsville, and Capt. E. F. Griffin, Lieut. R. I. Holmes, C. G. Collins and W. A. Bledsoe, of Battery B.

No formal program was maintained but several friendly talks conveying the welcome to the guests, the pleasure and advantages of the National Guard and the local Battery, were made by Ed. Best, Arthur Fleming, Bill Mills, Ed. Malone, Harry Johnson.

The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all present.

## U. D. C. TO MEET

The Jos. J. Davis Chapter U. D. C. will hold its regular monthly meeting in May with Mrs. D. T. Smithwick, Tuesday afternoon, May 8th, at 4:00. MRS. C. K. COOKE, Sec'y.

## Harris Chapel B. Y. P. U.

The following is a program of the Harris Chapel B. Y. P. U. for Sunday May 4, 1930—7:00 o'clock. Topic—Growing Through Discharge. 7:00 o'clock—President in Charge—John Morris.

Song. Prayer by Charlie Fuller. Song.

Quiz conducted by Bonnie Bell Lancaster. Group captain in charge—Clyde Carter.

The Nature of Decision—Eva Privett. Life's Major Decisions—Addie Privett.

The Basis of Christian Decision—Lena Mae Glenn. The Consequence of Decision—John Morris.

How to make Right Decisions—Nellie Bell Carter. Secretary's report. Business. Song.

Prayer by Josephrazier.

## Music Students Visit Richmond

Mrs. A. W. Mohn, director of music at Louisburg College, returned yesterday from Richmond, Virginia, where, with Miss Isabelle Ziegler, instructor in Modern Languages and with a party of nine students of the voice department at the college, she attended the series of operas presented by the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York City.

This outstanding musical event of the year in the South was immensely enjoyed by the entire party, whose headquarters were the Hotel John Marshall. The frequent contact with members and stars of the opera company furnished them much personal interest. The operas, seen during the necessarily short stay in Richmond were La Traviata, by Verdi, with Fori and Gigli; Aida, by Verdi, with Martinelli and Rosa Ponselle.

The following girls had the unusual opportunity of representing the voice department at Louisburg College: Ruth Cathy, Cary; Lucille Carroll, New Port; Annie Lee Cutchin, White-kers; Mary Cramer, Southport; Mary Kinlaw, Arden; Elizabeth Mallock, Hookerton; Betty Mohn, Louisburg; and Myra Scull, Asheville.

The registration books open Saturday, if you are not registered, attend to it now.

## Registration Books Open

The registration books for the coming primary will be opened at the several polling places in Franklin County Saturday morning, May 3rd, 1930 at 9 o'clock, and will be held open at the same place for four consecutive Saturdays this year. Only those who have become of age or moved their voting place since last election will be required to register. This is important, however, and you are urged to attend to it at once.

## Takes Agency N. Y. Life

Mr. James B. King, formerly assistant Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, has become the local agent for the New York Life Insurance Co. Mr. King is a popular, energetic and capable young man and will no doubt make this Company a splendid representative.

## Louisburg Gains in Population

According to information given, out by Hobart Brantley, Supervisor of the Census for this district, the population of Louisburg town, County of Franklin, State of North Carolina, as shown by a preliminary count of the returns of the Fifteenth Census, taken as of April 1, 1930, is 2182 as compared with 1954 on January 1, 1920. The 1930 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

There were 7 farms enumerated in this area at the Fifteenth Census. These figures show a gain of 218 for the past ten year period.

## Diploma Recital

On Thursday evening, April 24, the Louisburg College School of Music presented Miss Myra Stuart Cranmer, pianist in a diploma recital, assisted by Miss Elma Vann Currin, mezzo-soprano.

Miss Cranmer is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, and is a pupil of Miss Harriett Mae Crenshaw. Miss Currin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Currin, of Middleburg, and a pupil of Mrs. Stella J. Mohn.

The numbers for the occasion were Ola Morris, chief, of Washington, Marie Wellons, Conway, S. C.; Rebecca Cooper, Rocky Mount; Mary Waring, Raleigh; Ruth Cathy, Cary; and Marion Watson, Southport. The numbers were adorned in dresses of pastel shades. Miss Cranmer wore a dress of pale yellow and carried an arm bouquet of sweet peas.

The recital was well presented and the talent of the two participants splendidly exhibited. Immediately following the recital a reception was given in the College Parlors beautifully decorated with spring flowers and ferns.

The out-of-town guests present at the entertainment were Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, Mrs. W. D. Davis, Mrs. Joe Young, Miss Jeannette Cranmer, of Southport; Mrs. E. H. Arrington, of Spartanburg, S. C.; Miss Ada Spencer and Mr. Pearce Cranmer, of Raleigh.

The following is the program rendered: "Die Glocken der Pagoda," Walter Niemann; "Mouvement Perpetuel No. 1," Poulenc; "Lotus Land," Cyril Scott; "The Punch and Judy Show from Kaleidoscope," Eugene Goossens, by Miss Cranmer.

"What is a Song," Curran; "At Eve I Heard a Flute," Strickland; "The Moon Behind the Cottonwood," Cadman—Miss Currin.

"Sonata in F Minor, Allegro, Adagio, Prestissimo," Beethoven—Miss Cranmer.

"The World is Mine, De Leone; "Joy," Cadman; "All the World's in Love," Woodman; "The Star," Rogers—Miss Currin.

"Rhapsodie Hongroise No. 6," Liszt—Miss Cranmer.

## Certificate Recital

Announcements have been mailed reading as follows: Louisburg College presents Miss Myra Sharp Scull, Voice, Miss Alleas Blair Swinson, Violin, in Certificate Recital, on Friday evening, the second of May, sixteen hundred and thirty at eight-thirty o'clock, Louisburg, North Carolina.

## Wood Commencement

The Commencement of Wood School begins Thursday night, May 8, at 7:30 o'clock with the following program: Welcome—Dorothy Denton. Recitation—A Bashful Boy—John Leonard.

Song—Whooping Cough Germs—Primary girls. Play for children—Princess of Moonbeam Castle—Primary Grades.

Song—All Isn't Bliss That Blisters—Primary boys. Flower Maid's Drill—4th and 5th Grade girls.

May Song—4th and 5th Grade boys. Closing Speech—Weldon Jones. On Friday afternoon, May 9, at 3:30 o'clock the following program will conclude the exercises: Song—Franklin—Entire School. Sixth Grade Exercises. Address.

Vocal Quartette—Heart Flowers—Dorothy Sturges, Lorens Gupion, Estie Wilder, and Etta Mae Burnett.



James I. Davis, Secretary of Labor in President Hoover's cabinet, who will run for United States Senator from Pennsylvania.

## Franklin County Memorial Association Urges Attend-Association At 1930 Memorial Exercises

During the dreadful days of the World War, the citizen forces of our Nation, joined hands with the military forces, in fighting the imperial armies of Germany and Austria. It was OUR war, and not merely a war between the respective military forces.

In these days of blessed peace, which were purchased dearly with the lives of many of our soldiers and sailors, it is OUR duty and privilege as citizens of America, to pay respect and homage to our veterans of past wars, who have answered the call of taps. If we are sincere in our appreciation of the great sacrifices which were made by the deceased veterans of our wars, let us prove it! The Franklin County Memorial Association is open to membership to any and all citizens of Franklin County. It is organized for the sole purpose of conducting fitting annual Memorial Services in honor of our war veterans, who sleep peacefully beneath the sod of our beloved County, and to nurture and cultivate a spirit of patriotism.

The Memorial Services are brief and beautiful. Verbal tributes, sweet music, simplicity and sincerity, blend themselves together to make the ideal Memorial Tribute. The auditorium stage each year, is converted into a garden of brilliant flowers, each flower plucked by the hand of some one who is sincere in their thanks to our departed "Buddies," for a sacrifice of services of incalculable value. These flowers are brought from far and near, and they seem proud to be chosen for a place of honor, on the hearts of a sleeping hero.

If you are sincere in your appreciation and patriotism, lay aside your selfish pleasures, for a scant two hours on Sunday afternoon, and mingle with the relatives of those whom we honor. Prove to them that their sacrifice of a beloved son, is not forgotten and is appreciated. The date of our 1930 Memorial Services, and details of the programme will be carried in a future edition of the Franklin Times and Franklinton News.

## Sturgess-Allen

Mr. and Mrs. Felix H. Allen announce the engagement of their daughter, Louise Ferrell, to Mr. Conrad Boyd Sturgess of Henderson, son of Major and Mrs. William Kearney Sturgess. The wedding will take place in early June.

## Had A Part

A friend of Senator Simmons wishes the Franklin Times to state that the Senator was instrumental in getting the allotment to Franklin County under the Smith Act referred to in the last issue of this paper.

## 3,413 New Automobiles Registered

There were 3,413 new automobiles registered in North Carolina in the first quarter of this year and of this number, 4,253 or 59 per cent, were Fords, according to local Ford dealers.

This record, the local dealers point out, reflects the popular appreciation of the new Ford body types.

## Gold Sand High School Commencement

The following is the order of the Commencement exercises at Gold Sand High School as announced by W. O. Reed, Principal: Friday, May 2, at 8:00 P. M. Musical Recital.

Sunday, May 4, at 3:00 P. M. Baccalaureate Sermon, by Rev. Chas. B. Howard.

Tuesday, May 6, at 8:00 P. M. Operetta, by Elementary School.

Wednesday, May 7, at 3:00 P. M. High School Play, "He's My Pal".

Thursday, May 8, at 8:00 P. M. Senior Class Day exercises. Friday, May 9, at 8:00 P. M. Commencement exercises and address. The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises.

## IMPOSES SENTENCE FOR FOREST FIRE

Judge J. L. Palmer disposed of the first case of its kind to come up in this County in many years when he imposed a fine of fifty dollars on Early Hartfield for having set a pile of brush afire without notifying adjoining property owners or taking precautions against spread of the fire.

Quite a number of other cases were disposed of as the docket below will indicate: Richard Clarke, Jr., was found guilty of violating prohibition law and given 6 months on roads, appeal. Dora Crudup was found guilty on a bad check charge and prayer for judgment was continued.

Foster Perry drew a verdict of guilty on two charges, assault with deadly weapons and carrying concealed weapons. Prayer for judgment was continued.

Luther Patton, plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon and abandonment, prayer for judgment was continued for one year upon payment of costs.

Early Hartfield was fined \$50 and costs after being found guilty of violating Forestry law.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs on Garland Harris after he was found guilty of violating automobile law.

Walter Patterson plead guilty to carrying concealed weapons and was fined \$50 and costs.

Joe Hughes was found guilty of larceny and given 8 months on roads, Commissioners to hire out.

Fred Hockady was found guilty of violating prohibition law, and drew 3 months leave to work at county home.

Willie Grissom was fined \$75 for violating prohibition law.

Tuck Wheeler plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon and was given six months on Vance County roads.

The following cases were continued: W. H. Shearin, bad check.

W. G. Murphy, violating prohibition law.

Sidney Davis, violating prohibition law.

T. D. Dorsey, violating prohibition law.

## Mr. W. W. Tucker Dead

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at eleven o'clock for Walter W. Tucker, of Greensboro, formerly of Louisburg, who died at the Franklin hotel here Friday, April 25, at twelve o'clock as the result of a heart attack. The service conducted by Rev. S. L. Blanton, of the Louisburg Baptist Church, were held at the grave in Oakland cemetery where interment was made.

The active pall-bearers were: R. A. Pearce, W. B. Tucker, H. A. Hodge, E. C. Perry, J. Brown, G. T. Meade. The honorary pall-bearers were Messrs. W. F. Davis, F. J. Beasley, S. P. Boddie, B. N. Williamson, R. C. Beck, and E. H. Malone.

Mr. Tucker was brought to Louisburg four weeks ago by his brother, J. C. Tucker, proprietor of the hotel, on account of his ill health, and since then he has been falling rapidly. He was fifty-eight years old and is survived by one son, W. B. Tucker, of Baltimore, and two brothers, J. C. and N. B. Tucker, both of Louisburg.

## Musical Comedy: "The Gypsy Rover"

"The Gypsy Rover," to be given at Edward Best High School, May 8th at 8 o'clock, is a three act Comedy and is built around the character of Bob, later known as Sir Gilbert Howe. Bob is stolen when an infant by his nurse Meg, who later becomes the wife of Marto, a Gypsy. How does Rob prove his identity as heir to his estates in England? Who is Rob's sweetheart? Does she remain true to him through all trials and temptations? Are the interesting features of the plot.

The characters are as follows: Meg—Rob's foster mother—Rachael Parrish. Zara—The belle of the Gypsy Camp—Mary Johnson. Marto—Meg's husband—Waverly Ivey. Sisto—Gypsy lad in love with Zara—Wilson Edwards. Rob—The Gypsy Rover—George Earp. Lady Constance—daughter of Sir George Martendale—Cora Haymon. Lord Craven—An English top. "Doncha-know"—Marvin Sykes. Sir George Martendale—Howard Williams. Nina—Sir George's second daughter—Elaine Sykes. Captain Jerome—Captain in English Army—James Wilder. Sir Loby Lyon—A society butterfly—Alex Wood. McCorkle—Gypsy Publisher—Edward Ferry. Chorus—Gypsies, Dames, squires, etc., six Gypsy children.

## Special Mother's Day Services

Special Mother's Day Services, will be held at Duke Memorial Baptist Church, Justice, on Sunday May 4th. This day is to be made general Home Coming Day, and a special invitation is extended to everyone to be present.